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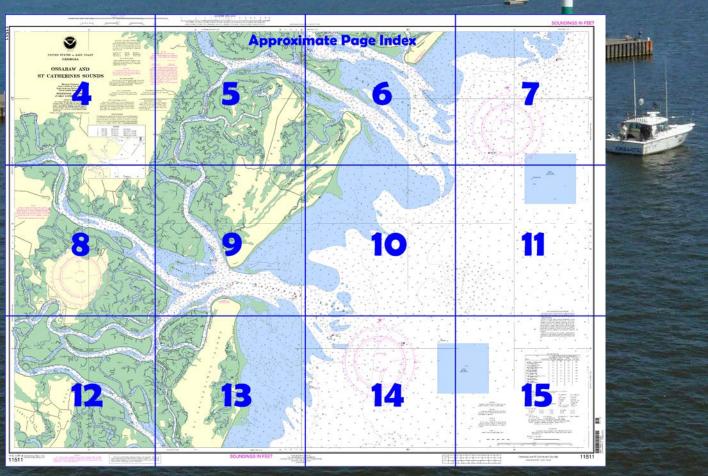


Ossabaw and St. Catherines Sounds NOAA Chart 11511

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This BookletChart is made to help recreational boaters locate themselves on the water. It has been reduced in scale for convenience, but otherwise contains all the information of the full-scale nautical chart. The bar scales have also been reduced, and are accurate when used to measure distances in this BookletChart. See the Note at the bottom of page 5 for the reduction in scale applied to this chart.

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(Selected Excerpts from Coast Pilot)
Ossabaw Sound, entered between the southern end of Wassaw Island on the north and Bradley Point (31°49.4'N., 81°02.9'W.) on the south, is a broad opening in the coast about 15 miles southwestward of Tybee Light. Most of the sound is shallow, and shifting shoals extend seaward about 4 miles. The entrance to the sound is marked by a lighted buoy. North Channel and South Channel lead through the shoals into the sound. North Channel is

marked by buoys and daybeacons, and South Channel is marked by a buoy, a daybeacon, and a light. Small local fishing craft are the principal traffic seaward from the sound. Strangers are advised not to enter as

breakers sometimes extend clear across the entrance. Vernon River, Ogeechee River, numerous smaller rivers and creeks enter the sound. **Fish haven.**—A fish haven is about 2 miles east-southeastward of Ossabaw Sound Entrance Lighted Buoy OS.

Ogeechee River flows into the western part of Ossabaw Sound. The river drains an extensive area and is subject to flood conditions which continually change the channel. Navigation to the Seaboard System Railroad bridges, about 27 miles above the sound, is possible with local knowledge. In 1985, the reported controlling depth was 6 feet to the first railroad bridge. This bridge has a 40-foot fixed span with a clearance of 14 feet. The second railroad bridge, parallel to and immediately northward of the first, has a lift span with a clearance of 4 feet down and 41 feet up. (See 117.1 through 117.59 and 117.367, chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.) The overhead power cable close northward of the more northerly bridge has a clearance of 50 feet. There is a large pulpwood loading dock with 13 feet alongside 5 miles downriver from the railroad bridges.

A marina with a reported depth of 10 feet alongside is at **Fort McAllister**, about 11 miles above the river entrance; gasoline, ice, supplies, transient berths, pump-out, and a 16-ton lift are available. **Currents.**—The currents in the Ogeechee River and Ossabaw Sound have considerable velocity, particularly the ebb setting out of the river.
Current predictions for several locations in Ossabaw Sound and vicinity can be obtained from the Tidal Current Tables.

The coastline between Ossabaw Sound and St. Catherines Sound is formed by the eastern shore of **Ossabaw Island**, which lies in a southwesterly direction and has a length of 8 miles and a width of 6 miles. The eastern half of the island is heavily wooded. The north end forms the south shore of Ossabaw Sound.

The seaward side of the island appears unbroken by streams, and shows as a white sand beach backed by heavy woods. Dangerous shoals extend offshore nearly 5 miles.

The southwestern point of the island borders on St. Catherines Sound and is thickly wooded. The western half is almost entirely marshy and is cut up by numerous creeks which provide access to the higher ground to the eastward. On the west the island is separated from the marshes of the mainland by Bear River and **Florida Passage**.

St. Catherines Sound is about 24 miles southwestward of Tybee Light. The entrance is over a shifting bar which extends 5 miles offshore. The entrance lighted buoy is about 7 miles offshore. In 1983, the reported controlling depth in the marked bar channel was 8 feet. The points on its northern and southern sides are wooded.

There are no towns on the sound, and strangers seldom enter. Except for light-draft fishing craft, little traffic crosses St. Catherines Bar. Channels with depths of 13 to 38 feet lead from inside the bar into the entrances of its tributaries. The main body of the sound is exposed and becomes quite rough in moderately bad weather. Protected anchorage for small vessels is in **Walburg Creek** on the south side of the entrance to the sound.

Currents.—Tidal currents have considerable velocity at the entrance and in the tributary rivers. The Tidal Current Tables should be consulted for current predictions.

The Intracoastal Waterway crosses St. Catherines Sound just inside the entrance, and affords passage northward through Bear River and Florida Passage to Ossabaw Sound, and southward through North Newport River and Johnson Creek to Sapelo Sound.

U.S. Coast Guard Rescue Coordination Center 24 hour Regional Contact for Emergencies

RCC Miami Commander

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HEIGHTS

Heights in feet above Mean High Water.

CAUTION

Temporary changes or defects in aids to navigation are not indicated on this chart. See Local Notice to Mariners.

AIDS TO NAVIGATION

Consult U.S. Coast Guard Light List for supplemental information concerning aids to navigation.

CAUTION

Improved channels shown by broken lines are subject to shoaling, particularly at the edges.

CAUTION

The entrance to Wassaw Sound is subject to frequent change. Buoys 4, 6 and 8 are no charted as they are frequently shifted in position.

CAUTION

SUBMARINE PIPELINES AND CABLES

Charted submarine pipelines and submarine tables and submarine pipeline and cable areas are shown as:

Additional uncharted submarine pipelines and manne cables are required to be buried, and those that were originally buried may have secone exposed. Mariners should use extreme saution when operating vessels in depths of water comparable to their draft in areas where sipelines and cables may exist, and when anchoring, dragging, or trawling. Covered wells may be marked by lighted or unlighted here.

NOAA WEATHER RADIO BROADCASTS

The NOAA Weather Radio stations listed elow provide continuous weather broadcasts The reception range is typically 20 to 40 nautical miles from the antenna site, but can be as much as 100 nautical miles for stations at high elevations

Savannah, GA KEC-85 WX.I-28 162 400 MH Jesup, GA Brunswick, GA

RADAR REFLECTORS

Radar reflectors have been placed on many floating aids to navigation. Individual radar reflector identification on these aids has been omitted from this chart.

HORIZONTAL DATUM

The horizontal reference datum of this chart is North American Paterience datum of this chart is North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83), which for charting purposes is considered equivalent to the World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS 84). Geographic positions referred to the North American Datum of 1927 must be corrected an average of 0.783" northward and 0.623" eastward to access with this chart. to agree with this chart.

INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY

The project depth is 12 feet from Savannah River to St. Simons Sound, GA, chart 11506. The controlling depths are published periodically in the U.S. Coast Guard Local Notice to Mariners.

The prudent marine will not rely solely on any single aid to navigation, particularly on floating aids. See U.S. Coast Guard Light List and U.S. Coast Pilot for details.

POLLUTION REPORTS

Report all spills of oil and hazardous substances to the National Response Center via 1-800-424-8802 (toll free), or to the nearest U.S. Coast Guard facility if telephone communication is impossible (33 CFR 153)

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HURRICANES AND TROPICAL STORMS

Hurricanes, tropical storms and other major storms may cause considerable damage to marine structures, aids to navigation and moored vessels, resulting in submerged debris in unknown locations.

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Charted soundings, channel depths and shoreline may not reflect actual conditions following these storms. Fixed aids to ravigation may have been damaged or destroyed. Buoys may have been moved from their charted positions, damaged, sunk-chiquished or otherwise made inoperative. Mariners should not rely upon the position or operation of an aid to navigation. Week's and submement of their unions may have been displaced. Wrecks and submerged obstructions may have been displaced from charted locations. Pipelines may have become uncovered

Mariners are urged to exercise extreme caution and are requested to report aids to navigation discrepancies and hazards to navigation to the nearest United States Coast Guard 42

NOTE A

Navigation regulations are published in Chapter 2, U.S Coast Pilot 4. Additions or revisions to Chapter 2 are pub-lished in the Notice to Mariners. Information concerning the regulations may be obtained at the Office of the Commander 7th Coast Guard District in Mlami, Florida, or at the Office

Refer to charted regulation section numbers

AUTHORITIES

Hydrography and topography by the National Ocean Service Coast Survey with additional data from the Corps of Engineers, and the U.S Coast Guard.

SOURCE DIAGRAM

The outlined areas represent the limits of the most recent hydrographic survey information that has been evaluated for charling. Surveys have been banded in this diagram by date and type of survey. Channels maintained by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are periodically resurveyed and are not shown on this diagram. Refer to Chapter 1, <u>United States Coast Pilot</u>,

NOTE X

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Within the 12-nautical mile Territorial Sea, established by Presidential Proclamation, some Federal laws apply. The Three Nautical Mile Line, previously identified as the outer limit of the territorial sea, is retained as it continues to depict the jurisdictional limit of the other laws. The 9-nautical mile Natural Resource Boundary off the Guilf coast of Florida, Texas, and Puerto Rico, and the Three Nautical Mile Line elsewhere remain in most cases the inner limit of Federal itsheries jurisdiction and the outer limit of the jurisdiction of the states. The 24-nautical mile Contiguous Zone and the 200-nautical mile Exclusive Economic Zone were established by Presidential Proclamation. Unless fixed by treaty or the U.S. Supreme Court, these maritime limits are subject to morification. to modification

ABBREVIATIONS (For complete list of Symbols and Abbreviations, see Chart No. 1.)
Aids to Navigation (lights are white unless otherwise indicated):

G green
IC interrupted quick
Iso isophase
LT HO lighthouse
M nautical mile
m minutes AERO aeronautical Al alternating B black Bn beacon N nun OBSC obscured Rot rotating s seconds Oc occulting SEC sector St M statute mile: C can DIA diaphone Or orange Q quick VQ very quick F fixed MICRO TR microwave tower R red W white FI flashing Ra Ref radar reflector Mkr marker WHIS whistle R Bn radiobeacon Y yellow

Blds boulders

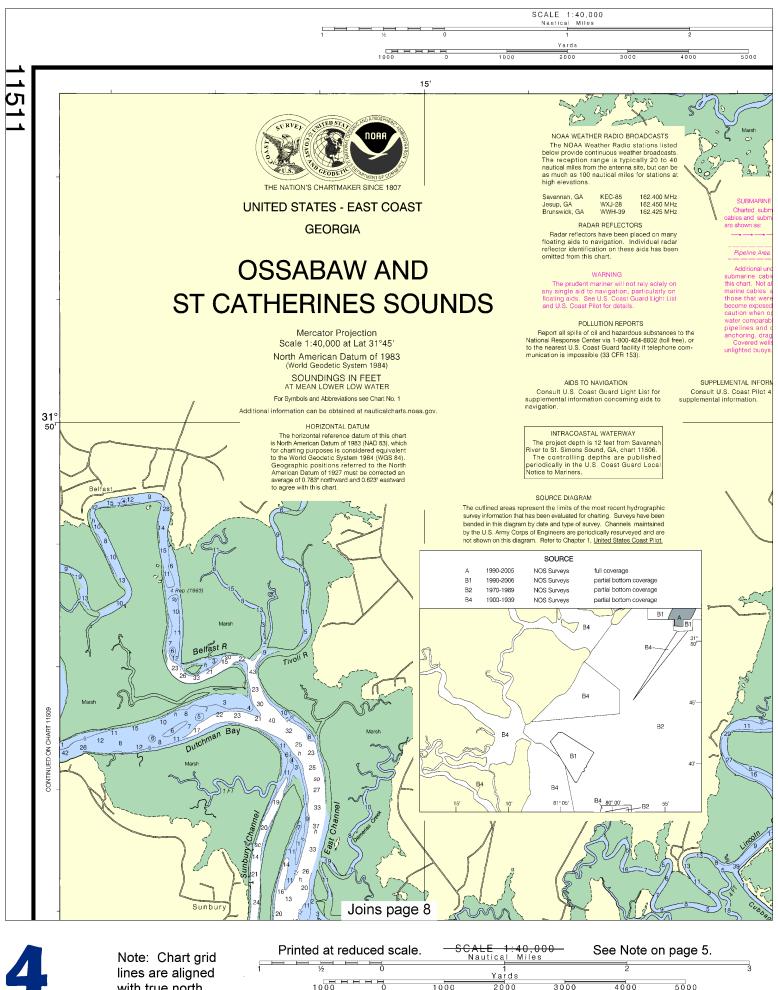
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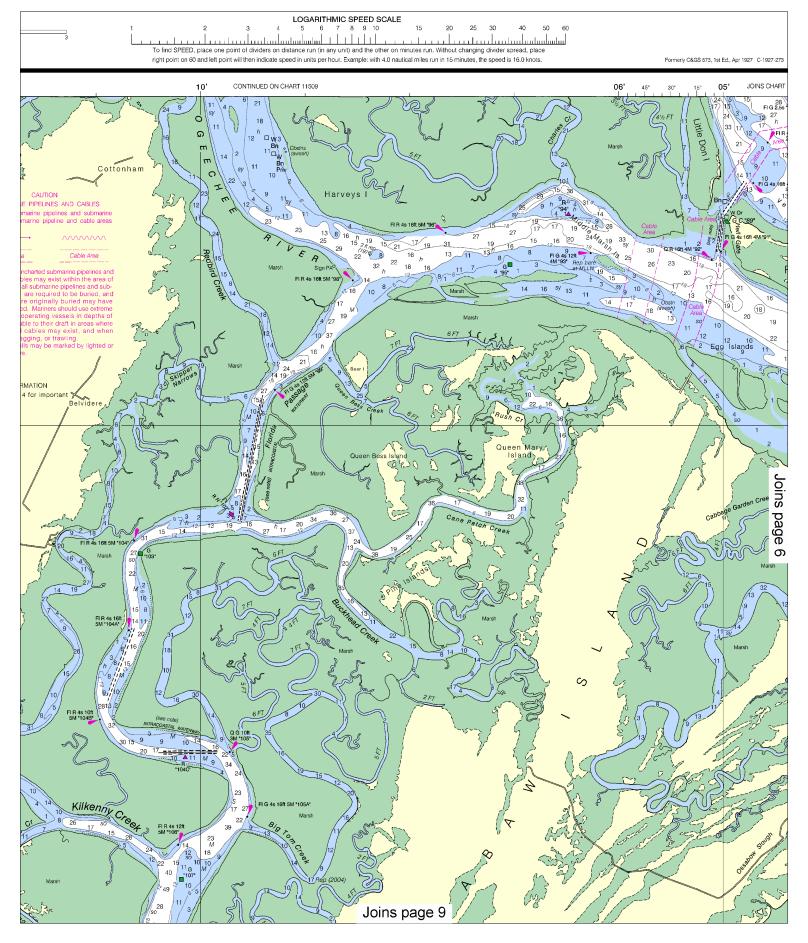
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Kilkenny Club, Kilkenny Creek	(31°47'N/81°12'W)	8.1	7.7	0.2
Bear River Entrance	(31°43'N/81°09'W)	7.7	7.3	0.2
Walburg Creek Entrance	(31°41'N/81°09'W)	7.6	7.3	0.2
North Newport River	(31°41'N/81°12'W)	7.8	7.4	0.2
South Newport Cut, Newport River	(31°40'N/81°16'W)	8.1	7.7	0.2
Thomas Landing	(31°39'N/81°15'W)	7.9	7.6	0.2
Gould Landing	(31°37'N/81°16'W)	8.1	7.7	0.2
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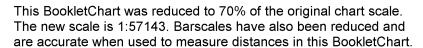
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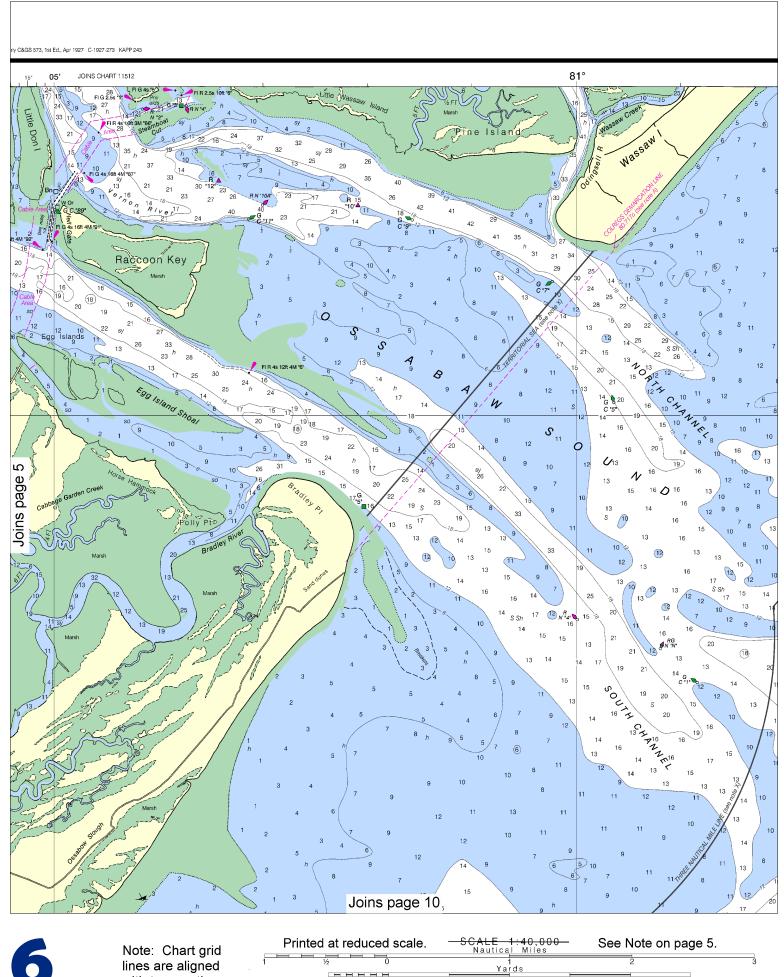
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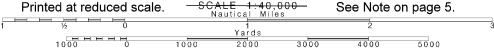




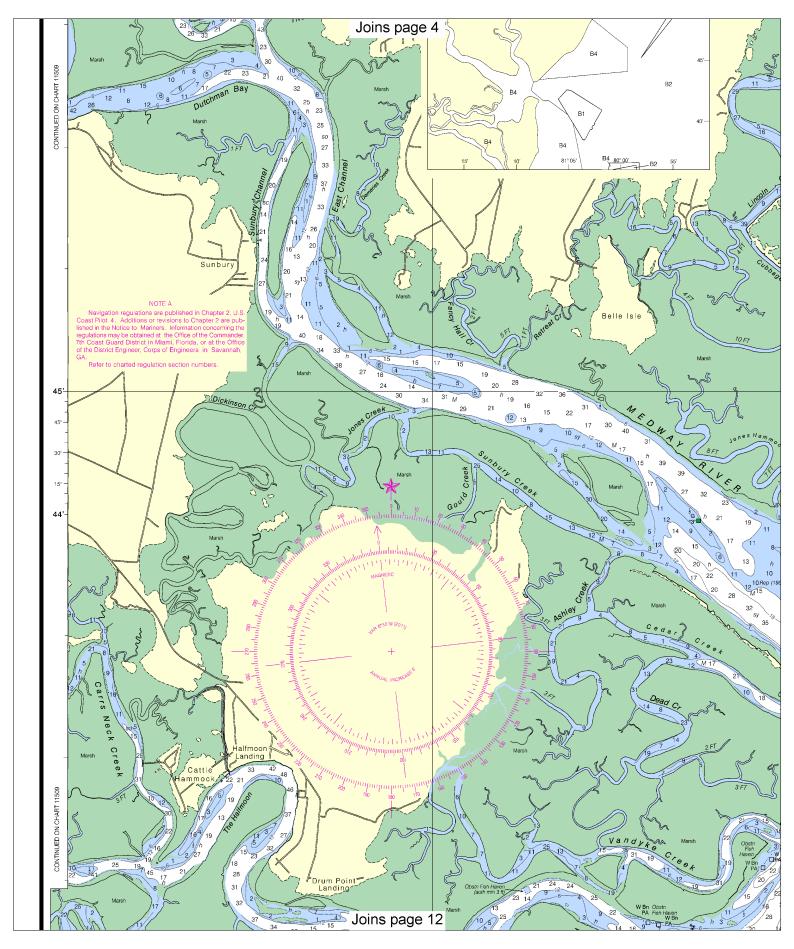




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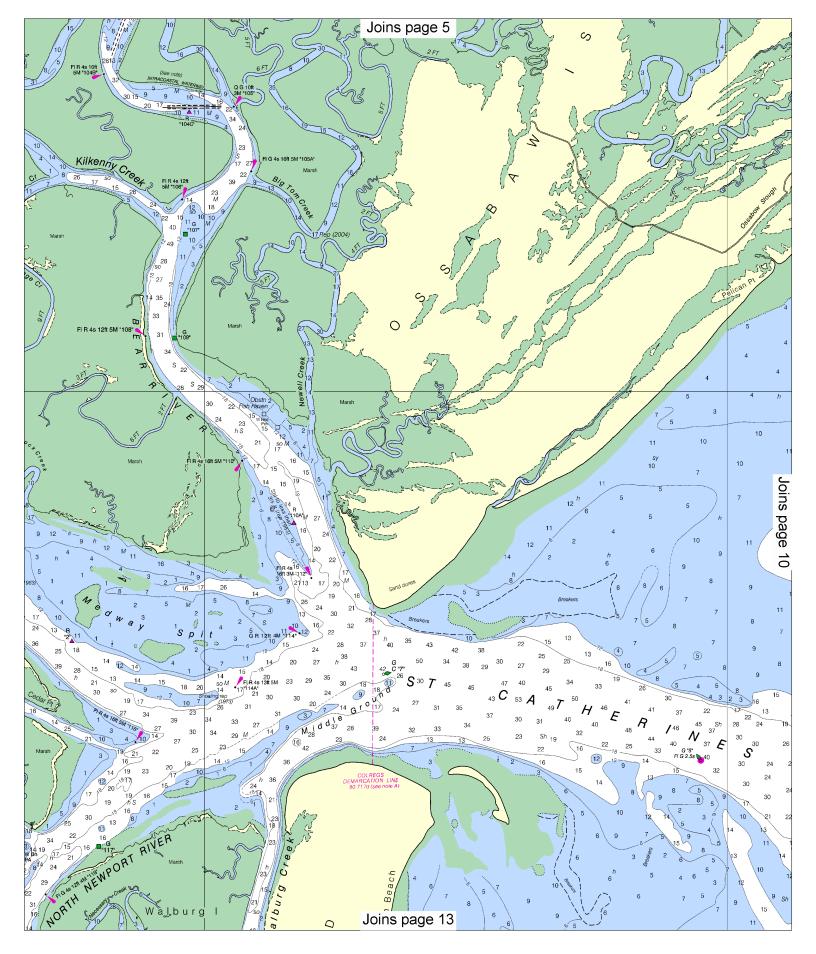
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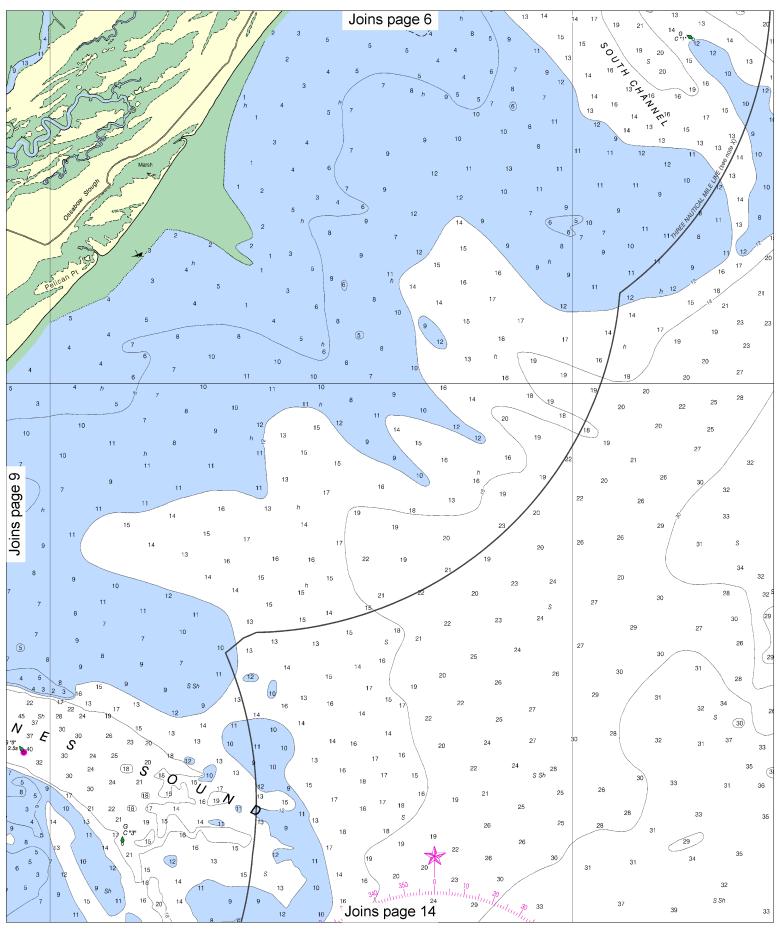


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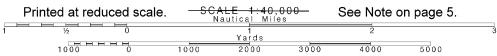


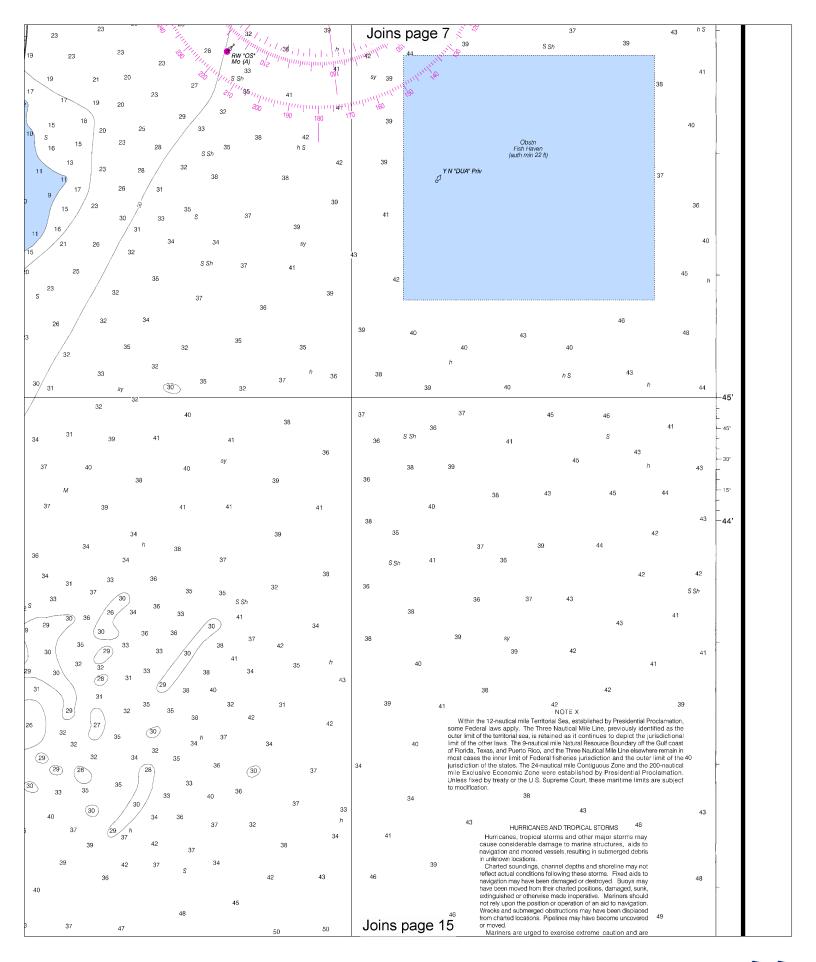


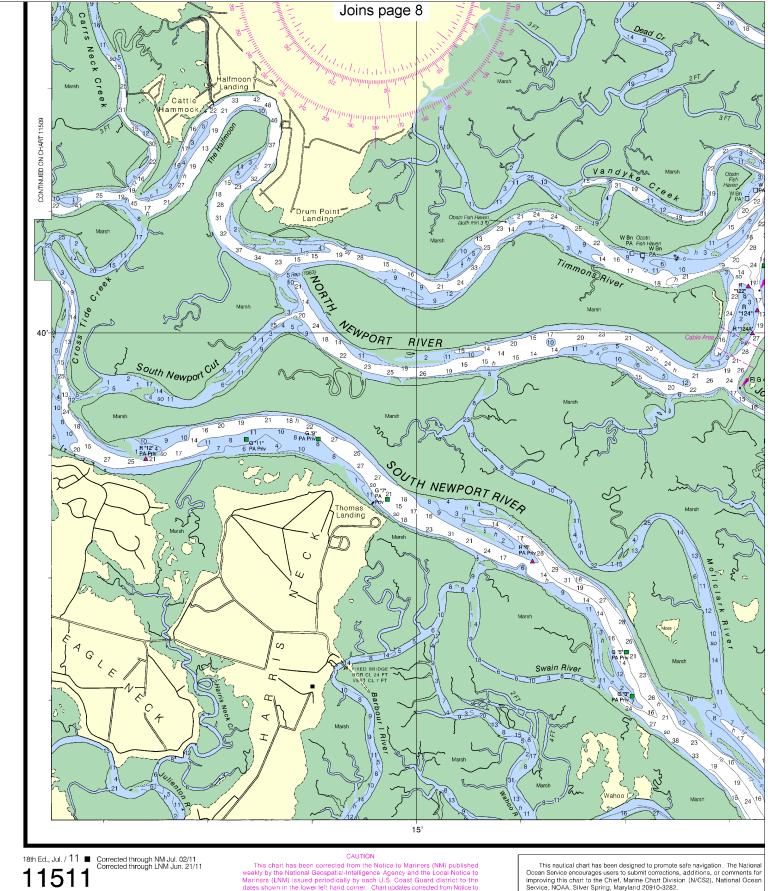


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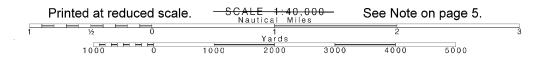


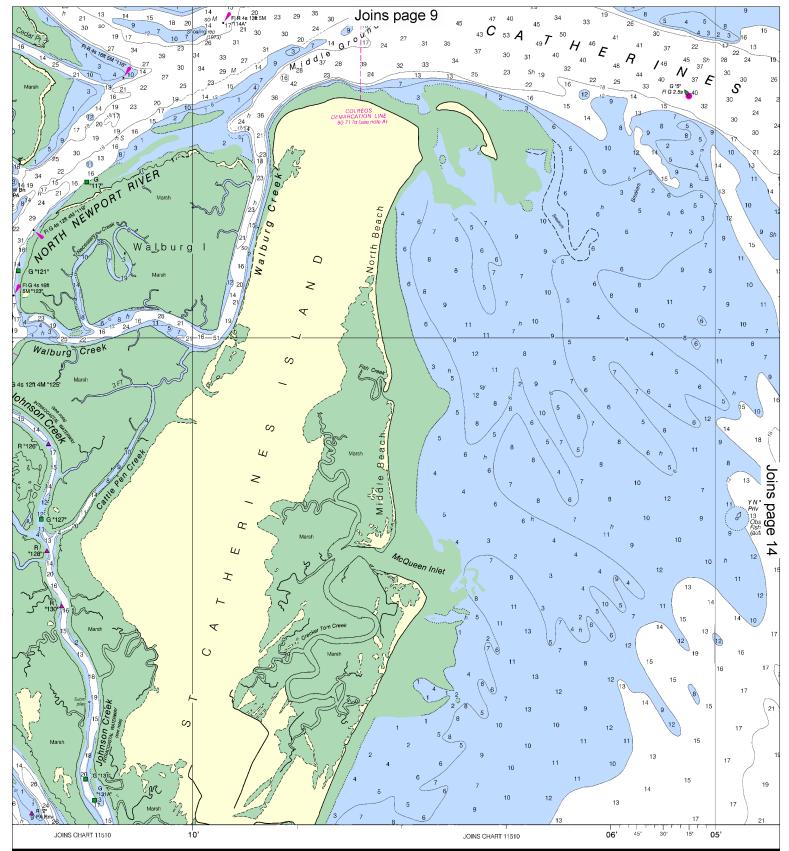




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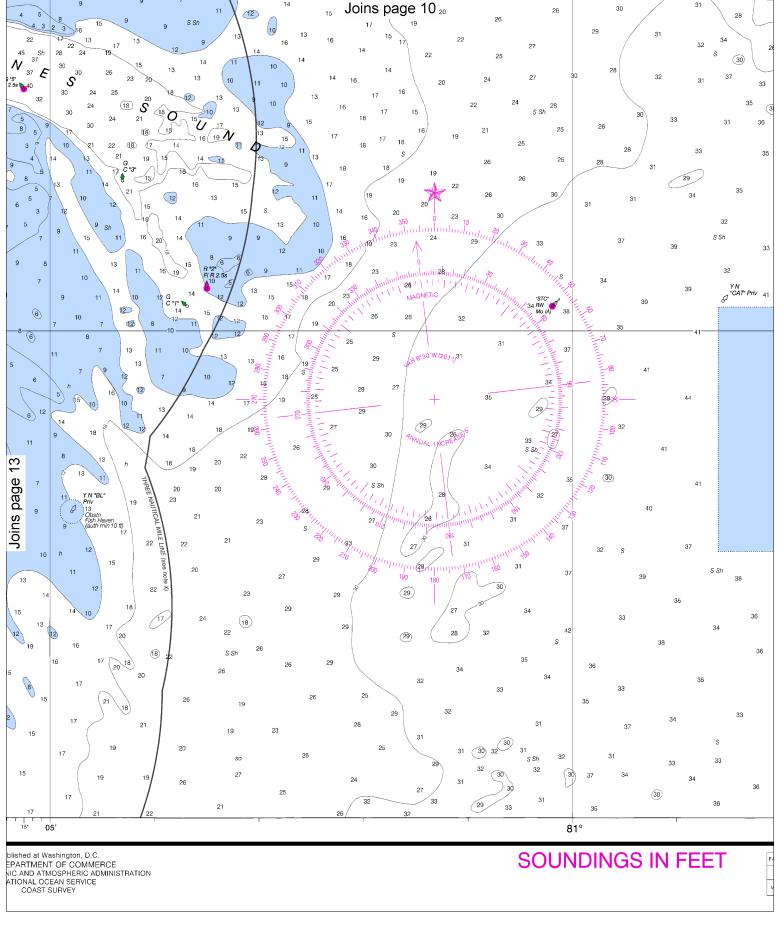




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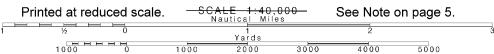
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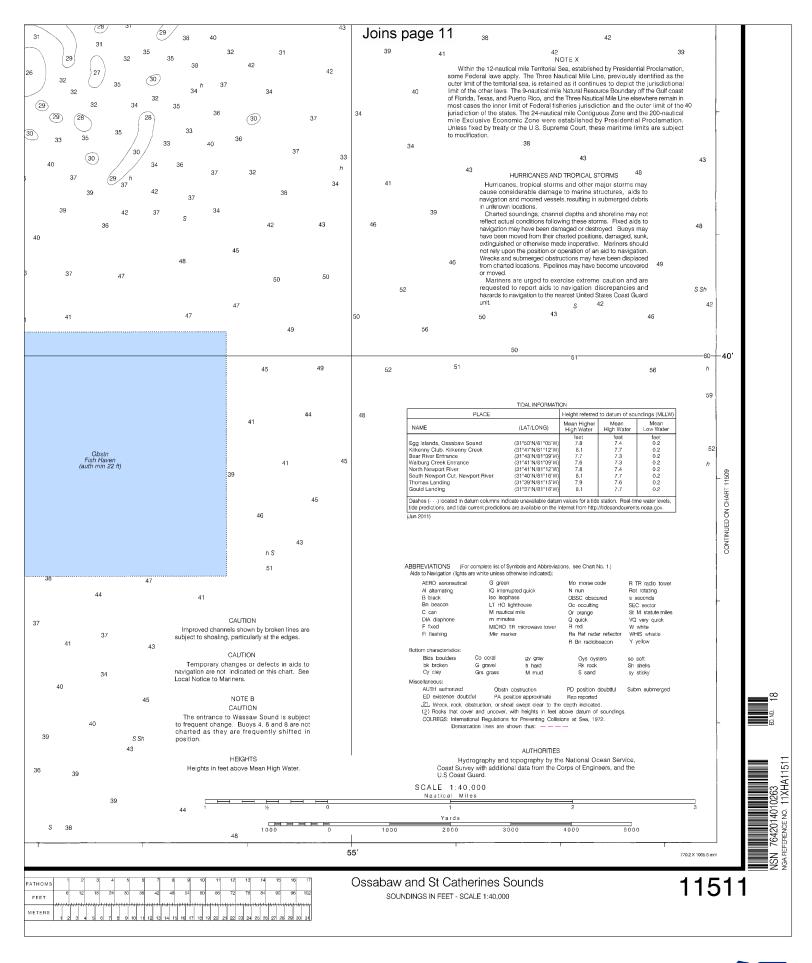
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VHF Marine Radio channels for use on the waterways:

Channel 6 – Inter-ship safety communications.

Channel 9 – Communications between boats and ship-to-coast.

Channel 13 – Navigation purposes at bridges, locks, and harbors.

Channel 16 – Emergency, distress and safety calls to Coast Guard and others, and to initiate calls to other

vessels. Contact the other vessel, agree to another channel, and then switch.

Channel 22A – Calls between the Coast Guard and the public. Severe weather warnings, hazards to navigation and safety warnings are broadcast here. Channels 68, 69, 71, 72 and 78A – Recreational boat channels.

Getting and Giving Help — Signal other boaters using visual distress signals (flares, orange flag, lights, arm signals); whistles; horns; and on your VHF radio. You are required by law to help boaters in trouble. Respond to distress signals, but do not endanger yourself.

Distress Call Procedures

- Make sure radio is on.
- Select Channel 16.
- Press/Hold the transmit button.
- Clearly say: "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY."
- Also give: Vessel Name and/or Description; Position and/or Location; Nature of

Emergency; Number of People on Board.

- · Release transmit button.
- Wait for 10 seconds If no response Repeat MAYDAY call.

HAVE ALL PERSONS PUT ON LIFE JACKETS!



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